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Filing Date:	August 15, 2003		
Title:	Positive-Pressure Fresh Meat Packaging System		

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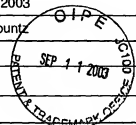
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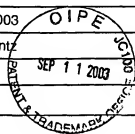
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